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The following information on Hungarian troops in ZALAEGERSZEG (Y 4/
/V 10) up to 15 November 1949 was obtained:

1. The following barracks and buildings were occupied by Hungarian units:

- a. Cavalry Barracks on Andrashidai Street: Unidentified unit.
- b. New Artillery Barracks on Gasparics Mark Street: Unidentified unit. The construction of the new barracks, composed of a five-story main building and 17 other buildings, was not completed. The main building and five other buildings had been constructed at the time of observation.
- c. Former school building opposite the Franciscan Church: Occupied by elements of the 8th Border Guard Bn.
- d. Two-story villa on Kosztelany Street, corner of Petoefi Street: Information center of aircraft warning service.
- e. House No 59 on Kossuth Lajos Street: 9th Recruiting District Headquarters.

2. Villa No 15 on Zarda Street was occupied by a Soviet Lieutenant Colonel who wore a uniform or civilian clothes. He was always seen in the company of Hungarian officers and was repeatedly observed with Hungarian units leaving the town for field exercises. No other Soviet military personnel were observed.

3. The Hungarian units in the military post were reinforced in early October 1949; The new units bivouacked first in a tent camp north of the town and then moved into the new Artillery Barracks.

- a. A request for ration supplies which was transmitted by the Hungarian units to the municipal administration in mid-October 1949 indicated a ration strength of 1,600.

- b. The reinforcement of troops was generally believed to be connected with the political tensions towards Yugoslavia.

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25X1 Comment:

The new Artillery Barracks is known to be occupied by Hungarian units. Previous reports confirmed a hitherto unidentified artillery battalion as being stationed there. No information on the occupation of the former Cavalry Barracks is available. The report confirms the location in ZALAEGRSZEG of elements of the 8th Border Guard Bn.

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